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## **COMMISSIONER NEELEY NAMES TWO NEW ADMINISTRATORS** *PERRYMAN AND SHACKELFORD PROMOTED*

**NASHVILLE**-Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James G. Neeley recently announced two appointments: **Elaine S. Perryman**, administrator for Employment and Workforce Development, and **Harold Shackelford**, administrator for Administration.

Perryman will be responsible for managing Employment and Training personnel who serve as staff to Tennessee's Workforce Investment Board. She will also direct and establish policy for the state's 13 Local Workforce Investment Boards.

"Elaine brings strong experience to this position on our team," said Neeley. "She has built important business and community partnerships and exhibited sound leadership in services and projects that are critical to the intent of the Workforce Investment Act."

Among Perryman's accomplishments is her work with the State Workforce Investment Board and Local Workforce Investment Areas to develop a model to address the critical need in the healthcare areas for connecting jobs with qualified, skilled workers. Those efforts resulted in funding of more than \$7 million during the past two years and more than 3,000 adults and dislocated workers enrolled in programs leading to certificates and degrees in healthcare.

Perryman earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and did additional graduate study there. She is a native of Shelbyville and currently lives in Franklin.

Shackelford will manage the departmental operating budget of \$204 million as well as oversee all telecommunications and facilities operations.

"Harold was a key player in developing strategies enabling the department to weather the recent state budget crisis," said Neeley. "He continues to apply valuable know-how that supports our department's operating within our means."

Shackelford joined the department in 1996 as director of Fiscal Services. A resident of Murfreesboro, he holds a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and an associate of arts degree from Martin Methodist College in Pulaski.

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